

ZONING AND ADJUSTMENT BOARD

September 16, 2002

The Zoning and Adjustment Board of Sumter County, Florida convened on Monday, September 16, 2002 at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Larry Story, Chairman, Dossie Singleton, Jack Bratton, Rusty Mask, Richard Bradley, Mark Caruthers, and Frank Topping. Todd Brown, Lamar Parker, Evan Merritt, Wayne Lee and Dale Nichols were absent. Terry Neal, Board Attorney, was present. Roberta Rogers, Director of Planning & Development, and Aimee Webb, Board Secretary, were also present.

The Board members led everyone in the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

Mr. Bratton made a motion to approve the minutes from the ZAB Meeting on September 3, 2002. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Story presented the Proof of Publication.

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Mr. Topping made a motion to table the case until the October 7, 2002 Zoning and Adjustment Board meeting due to the applicant's failure to appear. Mr. Bradley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Greater Piney Grove Development

Reverend Arthur James Chandler, representative for the applicant, was present and requesting a Special Use Permit for a community homeless shelter. There were 23 notices sent. Of the 23 notices sent, none were received in favor and seven in objection. The letters of objection were read into the record. There was one objector in the audience: Doretha Woods Parris. Rev. Chandler stated there was a major homeless problem in Sumter County and the church was trying to help the community. The project would be funded through a grant and the church donated the property. Rev. Chandler stated when the people are registered into the facility, the police and sheriff's department are notified and a background check is run. Mr. James Senatore, architect for the project, stated the budget would allow some security and landscaping to help screen the site from view. Ms. Parris is opposed to the project due to the location being a rural setting with children and families in the immediate area. Rev. Chandler stated a maximum of fourteen people were allowed to stay in the facility for a maximum stay of three days. The Board had questions regarding the security, if there was adequate response time from the sheriff's office, and was the location appropriate. Rev. Chandler addressed the questions raised by the Board stating there was one staff member for each shift as well as the manager and there was not enough money in the budget for a fence or any security personnel. There were no further questions or discussions from the Board. Mr.

Caruthers made a motion to deny the request for a Special Use Permit for a community homeless shelter based on the facility not being suited for a rural area. Mr. Mask seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Topping made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Caruthers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Larry Story, Chairman
Zoning & Adjustment Board